

Saint Thomas More Parish

Parish Ministries and Organizations

To contact any of the following groups call the Parish Office
at 850.456.2543

Rev. Father Nicholas Schumm, Pastor

Finance Council

John Godlewski, Chairperson
Keith Elijah, Representative to Parish Council
Mort O'Sullivan

Parish Pastoral Council

Maureen Hanna, Chairperson, 850.377.5201
Jason Danley, Vice-Chairperson
Pam Clyde, Secretary
Grace Amell
Jim Davis
James Donovan
Becky Edmondson
Kathleen Elijah
Sharon Mandel
Norman Nalepa
Anne Smith
Alan Tschirgi

Other Parish Groups and Ministries

Sacred Liturgy — Father Schumm
Organist & Sacred Music — Susan Henderson
Ushers — Charlie Dickin
Religious Education — Rachel Avery
RCIA — Father Schumm
Ladies Altar Society — Grace Amell
Knights of Columbus — Jim Davis
Communion to the Sick — Father Schumm
Bereavement — Charlene Grant
Respect Life — Kathleen Elijah
HOPE Ministry — Nelson Ortiz
Burse Club — Regina Booth
Book Club — Mary Williams
American Heritage Girls — Kathleen Elijah
Prayer Chain — Susan Soule

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

The Catholic Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors. They are available to help persons who have been sexually abused. The Coordinator for the Pensacola/Fort Walton area is Louis M. Makarowski Ph.D., P.A. at (850) 477-7181.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2015

*I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.*
—Jeremiah 31:33



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY – March 22nd - 8:00 AM
Saint Thomas More Sick and Homebound
Req. by Ladies Altar Society

SUNDAY – March 22nd- 10:00 AM
Pro Populo (For Parishioners)

MONDAY – March 23rd- 6:40 AM
No Mass

TUESDAY — March 24th - 6:40 AM
Robert Fleege +
Req. by Joe Buehler

WEDNESDAY – March 25th- 6:40 AM
Wes Bumgardner
Req. by Fr Nicholas Schumm

THURSDAY – March 26th - 6:40 AM
John Jones +
Req. by Mary Ann Kunselman

FRIDAY – March 27th- 6:40 AM
Louis Genin +
Req. by Jane Turner

SATURDAY – March 28th- 4:00 PM
Nobie Sparks +
Req. by Carolyn Sparks

*****MASS INTENTIONS ARE
AVAILABLE FOR JULY 2015 --
DECEMBER 2015*****

SACRISTAN DUTY
March 20th - Charlene Grant
March 27th - Susan Soule

Parish Events:

Parish Pastoral Council

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, **April 16th**, starting at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Council members sit at the table. Other parishioners are welcome to attend and sit in the row of chairs provided. For more info call Maureen Hanna (850) 377-5201.

STM Ladies Altar Society

Next meeting will be Sunday, **April 12th**, after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. They usually meet on the second Sunday. All women of the parish are welcome. For more info call Grace Amell at (850) 458-3557.

Knights of Columbus

Father Keating Council #15836

Next business meeting will be on Tuesday, **April 14th**, at 6:00 PM in Parish Hall. For more info call Grand Knight Jim Davis at (850) 380-3993.

American Heritage Girls Troop

invites Catholic Girls ages 5-18 to join a Christ-centered scouting program. Our troop meets two times per month on a Monday at 6:30 PM in our Parish Hall. For more information contact Kathleen Elijah at (850)457-0358 or Email: ash-ersmom99@yahoo.com

Book Club Meeting – The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **April 7th**, at 9:30 AM in the Parish Office and Activities Center. The book for April will be “The Dollmaker” by Harriette Simpson Arnow.

HOPE Ministry stands for “Helping Our Praying Elders.” Nelson Ortiz has been authorized to sit with those who are in hospital or homebound to relieve caregivers for a few hours. 456-2543

STM 10 AM Choir: If you'd like to join the choir please talk with our organist and music director, Ms. Susan Henderson.

Religious Education classes are held Sundays from 8:50 AM until 9:50 AM. Parents should bring children to R.E. classrooms in the Parish Office and Activities Center at 412 Bayshore Drive.

Lenten Events:

- **Rice Bowl Collection:** “For Lent, For Life.” What you give up for Lent changes lives. For more information: csrcricebowl.org
- **Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday, during Lent at 12 Noon in the church. On “Fish Fry” days, Stations of the Cross will also be prayed at 5:30 PM (only on 03/27).
- **Parish Fish Fry:** Friday, **MARCH 27th**, open to the public at 5:00 PM in our Parish Hall. \$7 per plate. If parents want to buy one plate for the children to split that is fine! All proceeds go to the Parish’s “Building Improvements Fund.”

Easter Flower donation envelopes will be out on the tables and in the pews. Please fill out and print clearly on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. This will help us to cover the cost of flowers for upcoming Easter Season. Thanks!

Food Drive for Lent sponsored by the Ladies Altar Society, inviting all parishioners to bring canned goods and non-perishables to re-stock the Catholic Charities pantries. Please, bring your donations and drop them off at the vestibule.

Weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be said here at Saint Thomas More Parish **every Wednesday morning** at 7:00 AM following the 6:40 AM Daily Mass.

Prayer Chain is a group of parishioners who, upon request, pray for the intentions of others. Requests are communicated to the group via email. If you have a prayer request or would like to join the group please contact Susan Soule. 455-1690 or 4susu8@gmail.com

LOVE AND DEATH

*Unhappy is death
without the love of the Savior;
unhappy is love
without the death of
the Savior.*



**No RE Classes- Palm Sunday March 29th
And Easter Sunday April 5th**

The American Heritage Girls



will be hosting a

Mother Daughter Tea

on Saturday, March 28th
at 5 PM in the Hall. We

would like to invite all the
ladies of the Parish to attend.

The Pioneer and Patriot Levels
have planned the Tea and have included a Modesty Fashion Show
for the entertainment. Please bring
your favorite cup and saucer.

Please R.S.V.P. By March 25th .

Kathleen Elijah 457-0358

Chrism Mass

Bishop Gregory Parkes
will celebrate the Chrism Mass at the
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on
Tuesday, March 31 at 10:00 AM
CDT. Everyone is cordially invited
to attend this Mass.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies by signing up for 40 Days for Life. February 18th - March 29th. This includes Prayer, Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and community outreach. Sign up by going online at www.40daysforlifepensacola.com.

Days to Pray during **40 Days for Life**
from 6 AM to 6 PM, **February 18th**
- **March 29th** in front of abortion
clinic at 6115 Village Oaks Drive in
Pensacola.

**Saint Thomas More Parish is
sponsoring March 29th, Palm
Sunday, the last day of the 40 Days
for Life.**

"A Church Fully Alive"

CSA - Catholic Sharing Appeal 2015

**Our Parish Goal for this year is
\$40,391.39.**

Any overage after we reach the goal will come back to the parish for use in programs and improvements.

Please return your pledge card as soon as possible or you can make your pledge online by visiting the Diocesan Website at www.ptdiocese.org.

Thank You for any support you can give our Parish.

CSA Prayer:

LORD, hear our prayer as we seek to be good stewards of the many gifts You have bestowed on us.

Give us wisdom to discern Your will for us, strength to meet the challenge, and the grace to be steadfast in our commitment to You.

Let us use our time, talent, and treasure for Your greater honor and glory. In Your name we pray. Amen.



WELCOME
to our newest parishioner:

Gerald Stroup

New to the parish?
We Welcome You!

There are Parish Registration forms in the vestibule on the podium, please fill a form out and give it to an usher/greeter, place it in the offertory collection, or call the parish office to register yourself (and family, if applicable).
456-2543

Upcoming Collections

Holy Thursday is the anniversary of the Institution of the Sacred Priesthood. The spiritual formation and education of future priests for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee are of the utmost importance. A collection will be taken on Holy Thursday, April 2nd, for this purpose.

On Good Friday, April 3rd there will be a second collection for the maintenance and restoration of the Shrines in the Holy Land. Bearing in mind, the hardships of so many inhabitants in the Holy Land, your generosity will help to maintain a Catholic presence. Thank you and God Bless.

Pensacola Catholic High School's 26th "A Starry, Starry Knight" Auction For Quality Education will take place Saturday, **March 28**, 2015, at Pensacola Catholic High School. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. A buffet dinner catered by The Fish House will be served from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. The Silent Auction begins at 5:00 p.m. and the Live Auction at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.pensacolachs.org or by contacting Catholic High at 850-436-6400 Ext. 123.

Young Adults: What's Next Retreat will be Saturday March 28th at St. Peter Parish in Mary Esther. Cost is \$25 and includes materials and meals. On-line registration at www.ptdiocese.org event registration.

Young Adults: March 29, Palm Sunday Procession starts at 2 pm at Way-side Park, Gulf Breeze.

Young Adults: 5th Annual Holy Thursday Church Crawl is Thursday, April 2 at 8 pm starting at the Basilica of St. Michael.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ's passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people's best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain.

Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song hearkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria's letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.

John Michael Talbot

Christian music legend, best-selling author and host of Church Channel's popular TV show "All Things Are Possible"

John Michael Talbot, is coming to the

Catholic Church of the Holy Spirit for three special evenings of ministry **March 23, 24 & 25, 2015!**

The parish church is located at 10650 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola FL 32507. Each evening begins at **7:00 PM** and includes a unique, inspiring message and sacred music. Please contact the parish office at 850-492-0837 for more information. Tickets are NOT required but a "Love Offering" will be received each evening to support the ministries of John Michael Talbot and the Brothers and Sisters of Charity. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Bring a

Little Flower Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year Please contact Mrs. Harden, Principal, at 455-4851 with questions or to schedule a tour.

Diocesan Young Adult Retreat: What's Next? Finding Answers in Faith

March 28th at Saint Peter Catholic Church 100 Francis Street Mary Esther, FL 32569

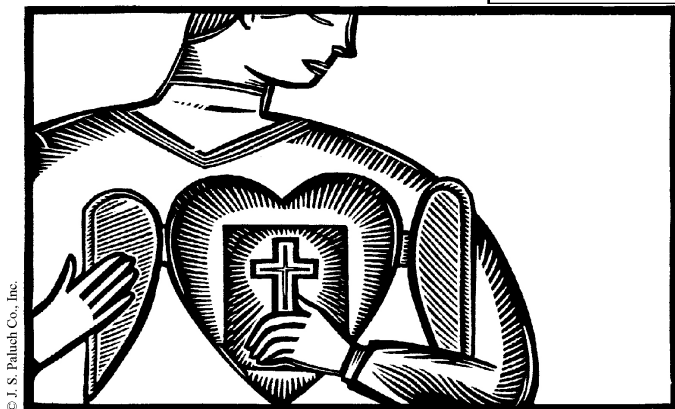
Time: Registration starts at 9:00; Program starts at 9:30am Cost: \$25 (includes lunch and materials) Childcare available >>Register at ptdiocese.org, Event Registration<< As 20 and 30-somethings, our careers, living situations, relationships, and identity are always changing. Our Faith gives us tools to reflect on our past and move forward with courage and grace, although the future is often uncertain. Join other young adults for a day of exploring the transitions that define our past, present, and future. Take time away to reflect with others and on your own, listen to the experiences of a young adult team, and celebrate Mass. The retreat will focus on the Paschal Mystery, a perfect opportunity as we prepare for Easter. Questions? Contact Sr. Margaret at 850-435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org.

The 40th Annual Convention

of the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Pensacola. The theme is "Our Family- Our Future." Dr. Tom Neal, Academic Dean at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, will be the keynote speaker. His address is entitled "Hearth of Mercy: Welcoming Divine Compassion into the Family." Also featured will be Sister Margaret Kuntz, ASCJ, Diocesan Office of Faith Formation and Sheila Hopkins, NCCW President-elect. All women of the diocese are invited. For more information, please contact Cynthia Lacour at 492-9911. For reservations, please contact Kay Hale at Sacred Heart at 850.438.3131, ext.13 or at 850.889.5432 or Lkha-le@bellsouth.net

Saint John Catholic School Open Registration

For new students registration has begun for the 2015-16 school year. Come and join our Saint John family by enrolling your child in our K4-8th grade school. Scholarships are available that may cover all or most of the tuition fees. Class size is limited and registration will secure a student's place. Come visit us at 325 S. Navy Blvd, call (850) 456-5218, or visit our website at www.stjohnpensacola.com.



THE NEW COVENANT

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term "new covenant" he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past,

establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today's Gospel passage, Jesus the "new covenant" speaks the language of his "new commandment" of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

Celebrate God's Mercy this Lent! Local Penance Services

Listed here for your planning and convenience



Saint Ann Catholic Church, Gulf Breeze— Wednesday, March 25th at 6:30 PM

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church— Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30 PM

Saint Stephen Catholic Church— Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 PM

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart— Monday of Holy Week, March 30th at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM

**Every Saturday at Saint Thomas More Parish at 3:00 PM until 3:45 PM or by appointment

***Also, everyday Monday through Friday at Saint Joseph Parish at 4:30 PM until 5:15 PM

Make a good confession this Lent and do penance. Experience God's grace and peace.

Holy Week

HOLY WEEK will be March 29th through April 5th. Some special events and liturgies to mark your calendar:

- * **Palm Sunday of the Passion**, March 29th, Masses at 8 AM and 10 AM and the Mass in anticipation at 4 PM on Saturday, March 28th, 2015
- * CHRISM Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday, March 31st, at 10 AM. All the oils used for Sacraments will be blessed by our Bishop and priests will renew their promises.
- * Serra Club for Vocations will meet at STM Parish Hall 11 AM —1 PM on Wed, April 1st, for their annual luncheon. Call the office for more information about how to join the Serrans of Pensacola.

SACRED TRIDUUM:

- * **Holy Thursday**, April 2nd, No Morning Mass and we will have Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5:30 PM (with incense) and Adoration at the altar of repose until 11 PM.
- * **Good Friday**, April 3rd, FASTING & Abstinence, No Morning Mass, Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon followed by SILENT Prayer in the church until 3:30 PM. The Sacred Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will begin at 5:30 PM.
- * **Holy Saturday**, April 4th, No regularly scheduled Mass at 4 PM. The Sacred PASCHAL VIGIL will begin at 8 PM with the blessing of the new fire, new Paschal Candle, extra readings and sacraments (with incense). We should be finished by 10 PM; this is the first Mass of Pascha (Easter).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13;
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

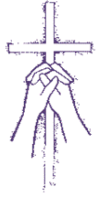
Friday: Abstinence

Safety Concerns at *Saint Thomas More Parish*

- Please do not park in any areas marked red on the curbs. These spaces are kept clear for emergency vehicles only.
- Please secure your vehicles when parking on church property. In your parked cars do not leave purses or items within view.
- The side doors of the church (near the statues of St. Joseph and Our Lady) are locked a few minutes before Mass begins. If one arrives late use the front doors of the church (come through the vestibule). This is a recommendation by the Diocesan Insurance and Safety Program.
- Parents: please do not let little children go to the restrooms unattended. Be watchful of your children at all times.

Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

Alberta Clarke
Ricky Crowdus
Aloha Georges
Murphy Greene
Charles Hanson
Catherine Henderson
Susan Henderson
Xavier Holm
Margaret Lambert
Barbara Lough
Helen Manley
Albert Mayfield
David Segers
Frank Sylves
Leanne Sylves
Edna Thompson



If you want a name to appear or to be removed, please call the **parish office 456-2543**.

If someone needs the *Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick*—please call the parish office. If no one answers, please leave a message with name and phone # and the priest will call you back.

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Religious Education
No RE Classes
Palm Sunday March 29th
Easter Sunday April 5th

Our parish website:

www.sainthomasmore.net
Did you know that we have a
Facebook page?
On Facebook look up:
“**Saint Thomas More Parish**”

You may use your smartphone to scan this QR Code to donate for offertory, maintenance, and gifts for ***Saint Thomas More Catholic Church***.

